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1. EMBOFF APRIL 1 DISCUSSED SPANISH WHALING ACTIVITIES WITH JAVIER CONDE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL FISHING RELATIONS, DIRECTION GENERAL FOR MARITIME FISHING. AFTER PROVIDING CONDE WITH SUBSTANCE OF UNCLASSIFIED PORTION REFTEL, EMBOFF REMINDED HIM THAT EMBASSY REQUEST FOR STATISTICS ON SPANISH WHALING ACTIVITIES DURING 1976 HAD BEEN UNANSWERED SINCE MID-FEBRUARY DATE WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED IN FALL 1976. CONDE SIAD HE WOULD FORWARD DATA WITHIN NEXT WEEK.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON APRIL 6 LETTER FROM CONDE ENCLOSING WHALING STATISTICS. ONE FIRM, INDUSTRIA BALLENERA, SA, WITH THREE FACTORIES (FACTORIA DE BALEA, CANGAS, VIGO; FACTORIA BALLENERA DE MORAS, VERROL,

VIVERO, LUGO; AND FACTORIA DE CEE, LA CORUNA) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WHALING INDUSTRY ACTIVITY. TOTAL REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD MAY-DECEMBER 1976 WAS FOLLOWING: WHALES ("BALLENAS")-138, WEIGHING
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TOTAL 4,873.9 TONS, SPERM WHALES ("CACHALOTES")-127, WEIGHING TOTAL 2,618.4 TONS. COPY OF REPORT, INCLUDING BREAKDOWN OF CATCH BY MONTH AND SEX OF WHALES, BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

3. CONDE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF PROVISIONS OF PELLY AMENDMENT AND OF PAST DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH US AND IWC RELATIVE TO SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN LATTER ORGANIZATION. CONDE SAID SPAIN WOULD CONSIDER SENDING

OBSERVER TO IWC MEETING IN AUSTRALIA IN JUNE, IF INVITED, TO HOLD GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON IWC OPERATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND TERMS FOR SPANISH MEMBERSHIP. ALTHOUGH SPAIN HAS ONLY ONE FIRM ENGAGED IN WHALING, CONDE SAID IT WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF FISHING INDUSTRY AND COULD NOT SIMPLY BE PUT OUT OF BUSINESS. EMBOFF SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THIS WAS NOT AIM OF US AND IWC EFFORT. IN LONG RUN, IF USG DECIDED THAT PELLY AMENDMENT WAS APPLICABLE TO SPANISH WHALING, GOS WOULD HAVE TO WEIGH OWN INTERESTS AND DECIDE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST ASSESSMENT OF SPANISH WHALING ACTIVITY FROM VIEWPOINT OF POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY OF PELLY AMENDMENT. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVICE BEST PROCEDURE TO INSURE INVITATION FOR GOS TO SEND OBSERVER TO IWC MEETING. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BEST IF INVITATION IS UNSOLICITED BY SPANISH. EATON

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